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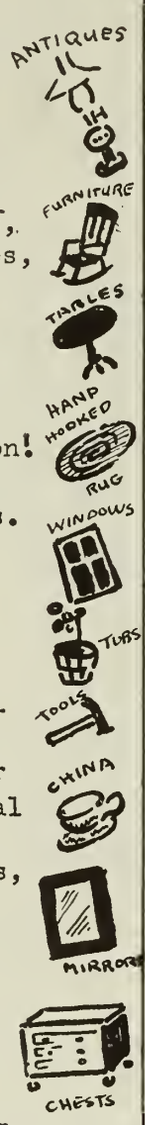




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HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY
1881-1931

The following is a copy of the report of the trustees taken from the town report for the year 1906. It gives the history of the library for its first twenty-six years, written by Mr. Lemuel LeBaron Dexter.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
1881-1907

"Its origin is not so far removed in time but that the rise and progress of the Free Public Library in Mattapoisett is a matter well known by observation to most of its citizens. The twenty-six years of its history are, however, instructive as showing what can be accomplished in a small community, with but little funds, by the personal sacrifice of time and effort.

"Unlike those in our neighboring towns," says the first report, "it was the outgrowth of no interested legator. The need of the thing prompted the action." In 1880 the matter was discussed, an article inserted in the next town warrant, and in March, 1881, incorporation and the appropriation of the dog fund of $56.96 was secured. Capt. Charles Bryant kindly volunteered a lecture on "Alaska", which netted $10.20 and with these assets the unused room in the upper story of the East village school-house was fitted up with a few shelves and a high desk, in a section railed off at the rear end, and the "library" was opened to the public. It comprised forty volumes purchased by

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the trustees and "about twenty-five contributed in town in answer to printed solicitations" (sent out by Rev. Charles R. Tenney, Milton Hammond and the five who became the first trustees). A large quantity of periodicals was presented by Col. George M. Barnard, Jr., some of them in bound volumes, and on Saturday afternoons one met in the streets sturdy children tugging homeward ancient half-year volumes of the "Illustrated London News." Monday evening, after seven o'clock, was library night", and was usually so popular that one had to draw a number for his turn and the "assistant" in charge (on a salary of $18 per annum) usually required the active aid of one or two of the trustees. On some week in the winter books were called in, the library was closed for the "annual examination,"--when the trustees assembled in solemn session, verified the count and inspected the condition of all the books.

In two years the library had accumulated 728 volumes (including a substantial gift from the local "Philistorian Society") and a catalogue was issued. Later additions were for years printed at the end of the town report, and in 1887 another more substantial author and title catalogue was issued. "Young ladies' entertainment" are credited as adding to the funds and "Johnny Morgan" and "Sunflower Choruses" helped secure additional books,--of which about 150 were added to the library each year; so that by 1889 it was deemed wise to take out insurance on the books to the amount of $1,500. Steadily increasing rows of manilla covered book backs, yellowed and soiled by constant wear crept around the sides of the room and

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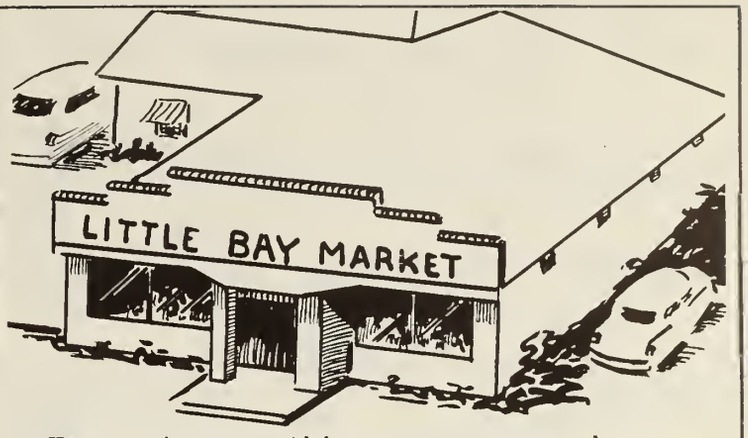


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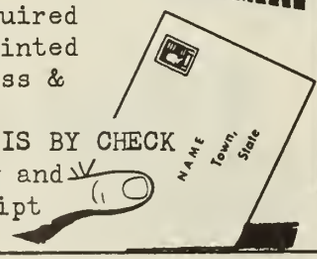


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filled the available wall space. So that in 1891 the trustees report "the room used as a library is unsuitable in every respect and the number of volumes has now become so large that the demand for greater accommodation is imperative." Eighteen months later, on Oct. 21st, 1892, the library was moved to the then vacant store on the northeast corner of Water and Cannon Streets, and thereafter was opened four times a week. In 1895 the magazine list was increased from six to eleven and the 2,600 volumes were card catalogued without cost to the library other than materials and cabinet, the labor being done by the then secretary of the trustees.

In 1897 the trustees requested an extra appropriation of $100. to fit up a connecting storage space as a reading-room. This the town granted, and that year the present schedule of opening for one afternoon and six evenings in the week was adopted, and the daily papers put on file. The library showed steady growth in circulation and public interest thereafter.

The agitation in the town-meeting of 1895 produced neither a soldiers' monument nor a library building and it remained for Mr. George Purrington, Jr., to appear on the floor of the meeting in 1902 and state his offer of $10,000. for a building. He appointed as a building committee, at the request of the meeting, Nathan Smith, Thomas D. Dexter, Isaiah P. Atsatt, Charles H. Nye and Lemuel LeBaron Dexter. Under their direction acting with Mr. Purrington, the present building was erected upon the lot given by Mr. Samuel D. Warren of Boston. Money from funds in the hands of the estate of William B. Rogers furnished the book-stacks and acetylene plant.

The formal exercises of opening occurred on Sept. 5th, 1904. Among the speakers were the Hon. John W. Hammond of Cambridge, Justice of the Supreme Court; Mr. William L. R. Gifford, librarian of the Mercantile

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PARENTS OF GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bauer are parents of a girl, Elizabeth Ann, born on Wednesday, August 25th at Tobey Hospital, Wareham.

VISITED MOTHER

Mrs. Joseph Mello and son Joey of Mount View, California spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Bauer. She left for home on Thursday, August 26th.

VISITING HERE FROM NEW YORK

Mrs. Mary Brooks of Montour Falls, New York is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray DeCoffe, North St. for two weeks.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

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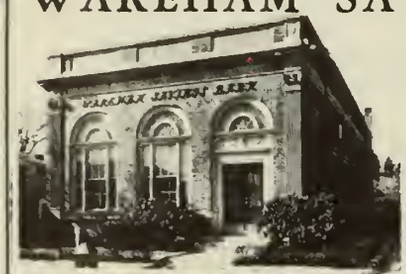

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Library, St. Louis; Hon. Charles S. Hamlin of Boston; and Hon. Lemuel LeBaron Holmes, Justice of the Superior Court.

In the meantime the trustees had secured the recataloging of the 4,600 volumes and their arrangement (uncovered) by the decimal system; and the "Free Public Library" then stood well housed and well equipped to influence and develop the future intellectual life of the town.

No account of this town's library could justly be given without mention of the long services of George H. Dexter and the enthusiastic work of William B. Nelson, both of whom at the inception of the project and for the rest of their lives gave unreservedly of their time, labor, care and thought, for the success of this institution.

Mr. Samuel D. Warren made his first notable gift of books in 1885 and for many years remembered this library in some form. Mr. Henry H. Rogers has given a valuable set of Civil War Messages and Documents. At an early date Hon. George O. Shattuck made a substantial donation, and Mr. Edward frequently sent the library good fiction. The largest single sum placed at the disposal of the trustees for books is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. King."

In the years since the above report, the work of the library has been steadily carried on, except in the spring of 1921, when it was closed for three months. During that time the whole interior was renovated, and, with the help of the Library Commission, State House, Boston, the books were carefully sorted over and many which were worn out or were of no value were discarded.

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When the library was reopened a new registration was begun and the opening hours were changed to the present schedule.

New books have been added each year, until, at present, there are over 10,000 volumes, with a circulation of about 9,000 volumes a year.

The librarians have been Dora P. Colson, Lena B. Dexter, Annie M. Almy, Sarah W. Hiller, Clara F. Sherman, Grace A. Tilden and the present librarian, Dorothy Fox.

The trustees are Mr. Lemuel LeBaron Dexter, who has been a trustee for 60 years, Mr. James Maury and Mr. Ira Hiller, 2nd.

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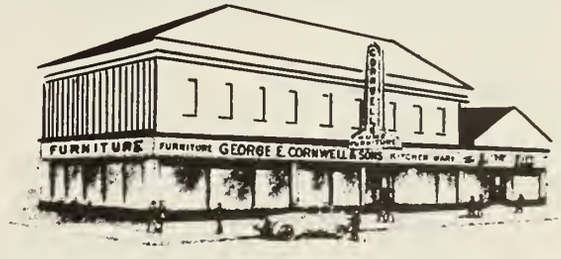


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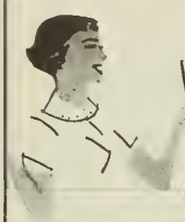

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The second annual water show and swimming meet was held on Saturday at the Town Beach. The Mattapoisett Lions Club Trophy, which was based on progress made during the summer, was presented to Joyce Harriman by Howard Smith, President of the Lions Club. This award will be given annually and will be known at the Patricia Walsh Memorial Award. The receiver will have her name engraved on a plaque that will be hung in the library.

Frank Caples, swimming instructor, presented awards to Jonathan Raymond and Carol Winters for being the most helpful boy and girl on the beach.

Peter Geary was the winner in the two-mile swim across the harbor in the boys class. His time was 1 hour, 1 minute and 25 seconds. Nathan Heuberger came in second, arriving 3 minutes and 6 seconds later.

In the girls long distance swim, Anne Fitzgerald was first whose time was 1 hour, 17 minutes and 59 seconds and Ann Farley came in 1 minute and 8 seconds later to finish second. Ann Hynes was third and Joan Ellis, fourth. Awards were presented to these winners as they completed the swim.

A 100-yard rowboat race was won by Robin Smith and Jonathan Raymond, 2nd.

In the swimming races medals were pre-

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In the diving competition, Ann Fitzgerald and Thomas Delano won first place. They were judged on the plain, jackknife and swan dives. Coming in second were Carol Martin and Jonathan Raymond.

Prizes were obtained by a community drive

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to raise the amount needed to purchase the cups and medals. The Lions Club Committee for the memorial plaque and cup consisted of Lester Texiera, Linwood Lewis and Anthony Secia.

First place judges were Howard H. Smith, Rev. George Weisenborn and Mrs. George C. Bradley, Jr. Second place judges were Mrs. George Avila and Walter S. Jason. Third place judge, Lawrence Green. The Rev. Allen Tinkham was the announcer.

Also assisting Mr. Caples were Mrs. Robert Bailey and Mrs. Laurence Raymond, prizes; timer, Mrs. Joseph Lessard; recorder, Mrs. Natalie Phillips and Mrs. William Winters; place picker, Robert A. Bailey and Michael Ellis; long distance inspectors, Joseph Lessard, Richard Poisson and Robert Conquest; safety patrol, Alfred Spagnoli and public address system, Charles H. Dexter and Albert Alvernaz. Refreshments were donated by the Colonial Dairy.

RECUPERATING FROM OPERATION

Linda Davis of Pearl St. is recuperating from an appendectomy at St. Lukes Hospital. Mrs. Claude Davis and Linda had just returned from a vacation in Provincetown, Mass.

RESIDING IN NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hornshaw are now residing in their new home on Church St.

VISITED MISS CANNON

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Any parents having children yet to be enrolled in the Center School are asked to register them on Friday, September 3rd, when the school office will be open for that purpose from 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00. To facilitate enrolment, parents are requested to bring with them transfer cards, report cards and health data. In the case of entering first grade pupils, birth and vaccination certificates are necessary.

Children having their sixth birthday on or before March 1, 1955 may enter.

On Tuesday, September seventh, the teachers will report to school with a faculty meeting scheduled for 9:00.

On Wednesday, September eighth, school will reopen at 8:30 with the opening session closing at noon. Pupils should report to the following rooms the first day: Grade One to Mrs. Morgan's room, Grade Two to Mrs. Shurtleff, Grade Three to Miss Schofield, Grade Four to Mrs. Ford, Grade Five to Miss Cushman, Grade Six to Mrs. Blethen, Grade Seven to Mr. Sahlberg, Grade Eight to Mr. Trainor and Grade Nine to Mrs. Root.

The cafeteria will open for the year on Thursday. Children wishing to eat there through Friday, September 17, are to bring $1.75 on the opening day. Milk alone for that period will be 28¢ and should be brought in on the same day.

VISITING SISTER

Mrs. John Bradley of New Bedford is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Daniel K. Valentine at Point Connett.

## Winner ~ Water Color

The winner of the watercolor of the Lighthouse is Mrs. Frank Cooper of Main St. Please call at the Presto office.

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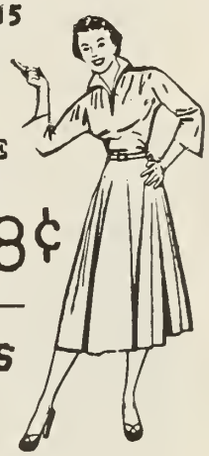

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FOUR BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

There was a joint celebration at the home of Charles Little on Brandt Island Rd. on Saturday evening in honor of the birthdays of Mr. Little, his sister, Mrs. Harriet Singer, his niece, Mrs. Evelyn Albaugh and a friend, Miss Alice Bakowski. All 4 birthdays occured during the 5 days of August 18 to August 23. There were guests from Fairhaven, Mattapoisett and Needham.

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Peter Ergo of Scarsdale, New York, a junior at Penn University, is a house guest at Silver Gull. He returned from a fishing trip on Sunday with a 56 lb. bass, a record for the week. He had been fishing with Joe Bettencourt. The bass is now on ice at the Silver Gull.

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Mr. Bernard Deavers and Mary Jean Berkeley have returned to Washington, D. C. after visiting Geraldine Steele of The Cedars.

VACATIONING AT CRESCENT BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Coco and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Halloran of Framingham are vacationing at the Ware cottage at Crescent Beach.

VISITED IN MAINE

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tripp, Jr. and sons of Main St. visited Mr. Tripp's sister, Mrs. Duane Douglas at Limestone, Maine. Mrs. Douglas' husband, Sgt. Douglas, is stationed at the Limestone Air Force Base.

CELEBRATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Chadwick of Harbor Beach observed their 45th wedding anniversary on August 19th. They were feted at a dinner party the following Sunday at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Martin of Point Road, Marion. Present were the Martin's three children, Natalie, Frank and Howard, a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Chadwick, Jr. of Branford, Conn. and their two children, Billy and Ruth and Miss Ruth Chadwick of Wellesley Hills, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick have three other children and three more grandchildren, all residing in Southern California.

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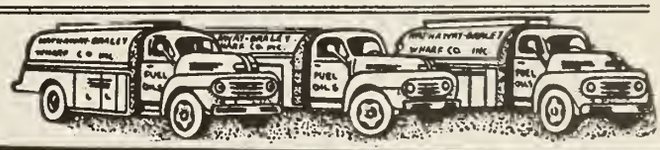

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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Mattapoisett Improvement Association. The annual dinner-meeting and election of officers will be held at the Shining Tides on September 14th at 6:30 P. M. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Reservations must be made.

POINT CONNETT ANNUAL MEETING

The Point Connett Associates, Inc. held their annual meeting on August 28, 1954 at 8 P. M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morgan, Point Connett. A nominating committee consisting of Frederick A. Whetton, chairman, Leslie B. Allen and Erwin Beach submitted the following nominations: Richard D. Henkels, president; Ralph A. Farnham, vice president; Mrs. Irene Price, secretary-treasurer; Fletcher Clark, Jr., auditor; Allan M. Walker, Ralph Hill, Lewis R. Franklin and Richard Morgan, directors.

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WEEKEND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler of Mansfield were weekend guests of the Leslie Allens at their cottage at Point Connett.

HOSTS AT FAMILY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Dunn were host and hostess at a family beach party of 12 held at their summer home at Point Connett on Sunday, August 22nd. Among the guests present were Mrs. Byron Dunn and her guests, Rev. and Mrs. Archibald Kerr of Chichester, New Hampshire, Mrs. Joseph Towle, daughter of Mrs. Byron Dunn, and Mrs. Towle's son and daughter-in-law, Major and Mrs. Edward Church and their 2 children. The Rev. Kerr is the minister at the Concord Congregational Church in New Hampshire.

VACATIONING AT HEMLOCK POINT

Miss Eileen Mosher of Main St. is spending a week's vacation at Hemlock Point at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boehler.

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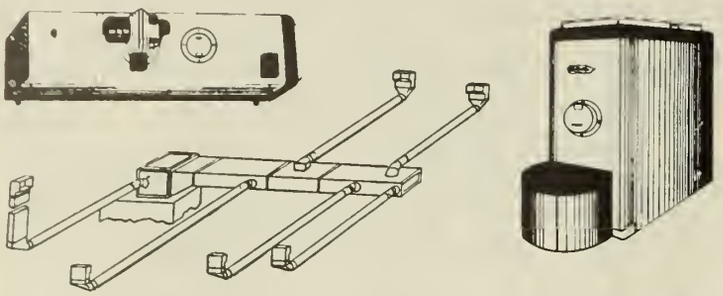

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That thar steam went up in billerin clouds That hid the whole dang town of Mattapoisett and with me a coolin off in the middle of the harbor in a awful perdicument cause used to the quarter deck I may be I can swim nary a stroke it bein my contention that salt water was made for fish and to float ships in and the human constitution can stand only so much Naow it just so happened thet the town folk was having a launchin just as I steamed into port She was a purty little Bark and hed just slid down the ways but the steam hid her completely and she jest came a drifting out to Capt. Ezra Tweedle special delivery Wal sir she was the very furst thing I came acrossed that was solid so I grabbed a line and hauled my dripping carcus aboard Wal sir she was a mighty purty ship all brand new and shiny with her masts stepped but with no riggin yet Now I hear tell later that some reckless critters on land got to babblein nonsense like piracy and High Seas Robbery but this is the solid facts I hung my peas jacket up to dry on the mainmst and through force of habit I must have trimmed it to the wind so thet by pure and simple accident she begun to draw might smart and twas only by chance thet twas a offshore wind and who could tell where the land lay in thet fog Afore you could say thar she blows I hd plum blown away


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Yesterday the clocks were turned back to 1938 and again our town took the full fury of wind and sea. Perhaps the damage is even greater than it was then. This morning we walked the length of the harbor to the tip of Crescent Beach. Standing there, it is a level plain with the Lighthouse as the only familiar landmark.

We have had many covers of the Town Wharf which was as picturesque as any place we had ever sketched. Val's fish market was to Mattapoisett what motive #1 is to Rockport and the wharf looks like any pile of rocks without it, Dick Cobb's Sea Chest and the grey gear building. At the height of the storm, the wharf had to withstand terrible seas, but also the battering of yachts which ground their sides against it. Boats dragged in relentlessly one after the other. Some were fortunate but many were not. This issue of the paper was made almost obsolete on the day it was to be printed. Bill Croft will not be taking the winner of the fishing trip out this week because his "Wanderer" is lying on Main Street, badly smashed and he also lost his other boat. Frank Pimental's "Jeanne Claire II", taking almost the same route and landing in Suzan's yard, suffered very little damage. The beautiful "Sapphire" was badly damaged with her bow and bottom stove in. Dick Young's boat is lying on the island, we hope not badly damaged. The wharf and Main Street too, are covered with them, large and small. Yankee's herreshoffs, skiffs, cruisers, beetles, each one was loved by its owner and it's a sorry sight.

The seaside homes on Water Street took the same awful battering as they had before and most show great damage. Ira Hiller's home was struck by a battering ram that was a portion of the town raft and the other log pinned a car against his barn. His yard is full of small boats and sailboats. The town beach is a desolate place, wiped clean of buildings and covered with scattered boulders. Off the town beach wharf, lies the Tern III from Southhampton England. She still rides her anchor, thanks to the courage of three of her crew who loved the ship enough to risk their lives in the attempt to save her. They rode out the storm keeping her bow to the wind and the screws turning over to lessen the drag on the anchor. They won their gamble. Another small cruiser rides at the Tern III side. She apparently dragged from Burr Brothers Boat Yard and at the last minute her mooring must have snagged something on the bottom in time to hold her off the rocks. Such is the strange selection of a storm.

As you walk the beach you dodge the litter of broken homes. An antique cobblers bench smashed on the rocks. A television set - the same. A table a floor a roof a child's high chair, a dress and scattered through these are boats smashed and whole big and small. The red home at Ship Street has a wall missing. You see people too, picking up the pieces and sorting out the useable. For this has happened before and it may happen again but these people have courage to and they will stay and rebuild or repair. Because they love this town and the sea gives much more than it takes.

The Silver Gull has its pier smashed and trees are broken. Burr Brothers Boat Yard is a snarled mess of boats and broken buildings but the main big building is battered but standing still. They are busy and they are clearing it up. Almost every pier is hammered out of shape the whole way to the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is there and it is good to look at. Beyond is an empty void. As far as the eye can see, there are foundations with lonely seawalls and that is all. The summer homes are swept far back against the hill at Pico Beach. Three or four, perhaps five or six homes high on the hill are there as before. Below is the wreckage and the people picking up what they can. A spoon, a sugar bowl and a saw, they can be used again and will be where they were used before. A river cuts the beach in two and water drains back to the ocean. There are no boats floating at Pico Beach. In the marsh a wrecked car and a sailboat or two.

Around the point there is the place called Crescent Beach and you wouldn't know you were there unless you know it well. Three hundred yards of nothing and then the wreckage. Here and there a home stands battered but firm on its foundation. It makes you wonder.

How can many go all around and one be saved? The people are there. Some have no clothes but those they now wear., but they are picking up the treasures that they have used on many a happy summer There are happier summers ahead.

Dunn's beach and Point Connett all took the same pounding and the resulting ruin.

We. the Presto Press of Mattapoisett, are linked to every business and to every single person in this town. who is kind enough to like our paper and to support it. Every loss suffered in this town hurts us but we were fortunate and still have a press and the faith in this town that we started with. We will help in any way that we can to restore the town and the business that were wiped out here. Here is our casualty list. Please note their names We know these boys well and they will be back again.

Val s on the wharf - completely destroyed
The Sea Chest completely destroyed
Bill Croft s Wanderer - destroyed
The Anchorage damaged
The Town Shop - damaged
Aucoot Cove Boat Yard - wiped out
Johnny's Bike Shop - wrecked
Cornwell's Department Store in Wareham - burned to the ground
Hathaway Braley in Fairhaven - damaged
Burr Brothers Boat Yard - damaged
People's Furniture Mart - damaged
Burnham's Nursery - flowers ruined
Newman's - damaged
Wareham Savings Bank - damaged
Dennison's Shoe Store - damaged
Jenkins damaged
Gingras damaged
Shining Tides only main building left
Pryce's Greenhouse - damaged
Wareham Cooperative Bank - damaged
Silver Gull - pier gone
Dorothy Cox - damaged
Oregon Dye House - damaged
Unwin's Jewelry - damaged
Morris Plan damaged
The Pottery - damaged
National Bank of Wareham - damaged

We hope there are no more In every case there is an awful cleanup job and in many cases the buildings will have to be built from the ground up. They will be The town will be as beautiful as before, when we plant some trees. The buildings will be repaired and rebuilt and the beaches will be built up again We will record the progress ahead and restoration is already well begun.

Please report any unclaimed boats and property to us and we will try to find the owners

In order to give our advertisers a chance to recover, there will be no Presto next week. The next issue will appear on September 16.